



Social Studies Standards Revision Process Critical Fact Sheet

January 2018

Overview/Background

Senate Bill 1 (2017) calls for the Kentucky Department of Education to implement a process for reviewing all academic standards and aligned assessments beginning in the 2017-18 school year. The current schedule calls for one or two content areas to be reviewed each year and every six years thereafter on a rotating basis. The revision process for social studies standards will begin in January 2018.

Critical Points:

Quality Criteria for Standards (from SB 1 2017)

Standards should include critical knowledge, skills, and capacities needed in a global economy; be fewer but more in-depth; articulate expectations clearly and concisely to teachers, students, parents, citizens; be supported by evidence/research; be reflective of international benchmarks; and be aligned K-12 and into post-secondary.

Public comment/feedback – current standards (Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies, adopted 2006).

To provide feedback on the [Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies](https://www.research.net/r/YLTTBCE), please use the following link: <https://www.research.net/r/YLTTBCE>. Due to the amount of text within the survey, it is recommended that surveys be completed on a full-size computer or laptop screen. Feedback on the current social studies standards will be collected by the Appalachia Regional Conference Center (ARCC) through **Thursday, February 22, 2018**.

Call for participation

The KDE is seeking social studies teachers of all grade levels to apply to participate in the social studies standards revision work. Selected team members will receive reimbursement for travel expenses. Substitute teacher expenses will be reimbursed to the teacher's school district. Potential applicants are asked to verify the willingness of their school or district to release them for work dates throughout the school year. For those interesting in participating the application is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLT7C87>. Applications will be accepted through **Tuesday February 13, 2018** with selected team members being notified on or before **February 20**.

Social Studies Advisory Panels (AP)

Grade-level advisory panels must consist of at least six public school educators who teach the KAS for SS being reviewed, as well as a representative from an institution of higher education in Kentucky. Advisory panels will consider comments/feedback regarding the KAS for SS and propose/recommend changes to a social studies Review and Development Committee. The first meeting of the social studies APs is tentatively scheduled for March. The proposed schedule for social studies standards revision indicates that they will meet for a second time in June to consider public feedback on the revised standards.

Social Studies Standards and Assessments Review and Development Committee (RDC)

The Social Studies Standards and Assessments Review and Development Committee will review findings and make recommendations to revise or replace the existing KAS for SS and adjust assessments to ensure alignment with the standards. A minimum of six public school educators who teach social studies and two representatives from higher education, as well as other community shareholders comprise each Review and Development committee. The first meeting of the social studies RDCs is tentatively scheduled for March. The proposed schedule for social studies standards revision indicates that they will meet for a second time in June to consider public feedback on the revised standards.

Public comment/feedback – revised standards

Public comment/feedback regarding revised standards will be sought by ARCC over a 30-day period, tentatively slated to take place in April/May.

Standards and Assessments Process Review Committee

The Standards and Assessments Process Review Committee, made up of three legislative members, one Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) member, one School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) member, and one Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) member each appointed by the Governor, three appointed by the President of the Senate, and three appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in addition to the Commissioner of Education, will review the process to ensure shareholders received adequate opportunity for input. If the process is found sufficient, the recommendations (without amendment) go to the KBE for consideration. If the process is found deficient, the recommendations may be returned to the appropriate standards and assessment review and development committee.

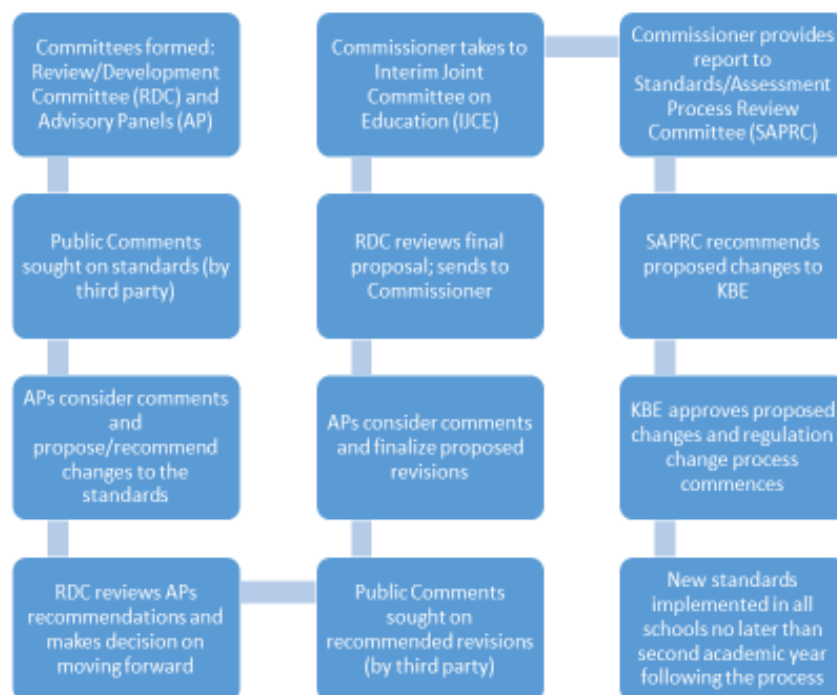
Once the KBE approves the revised standards, and they clear the traditional regulatory review process which provides an additional opportunity for public input, they will be implemented in all Kentucky public schools no later than the second academic year following the process. Existing standards will stay in place until new standards are approved.

Social Studies Standards Revision Timeline

The following is an overview of a **tentative** timeline for the social studies standards revision process:

- **January/February** – Standards committee call for participation; open current Social Studies Standards for public comment/feedback
- **March** – Initial Social Studies Advisory Panel meeting; Initial Social Studies Review and Development Committee meeting
- **April/May** – Open draft standards for public comment/feedback
- **June** – Social Studies Advisory Panels meet for the second time; Social Studies Review and Development committees meet for the second time
- **July/August** – Delivered to Commissioner for review; Commissioner takes to Interim Joint Committee for Review
- **September** – Standards/Assessment Review and Process Committee reviews
- **October** – First reading by Kentucky Board of Education
- **December** – Second Reading by Kentucky Board of Education

Standards (and Assessments) Review Process – to occur every 6 years



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